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## DEMONSTRATION WELL NEEDED

TO SHOW PROSPECTORS AND VISITORS THAT WE HAVE PLENTY WATER FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES

## SHOULD BE NEAR TOWN AND GROW CROP YEARLY

Other Places are Profiting by Such Efforts and Lubbock Can Well Afford to do Something Along This Line—It Takes Consolidated Effort to Accomplish Things of Importance

For the past few years the question of irrigation has agitated the minds of the people of the South Plains country. It has been thoroughly demonstrated in several different communities that the irrigation question one that when properly carried out is a money making proposition.

Lubbock has as much water lying underneath her as any other of the Plains country. It is reasonable depth too, which makes the question of irrigation in wells possible and at a reasonable cost. We have as much land as any other section of the Plains country, yields as good crops and after better and drier farming than any other of the Plains, and by putting under irrigation it has been shown on a large scale that it can be made to yield most prolifically. We at this time have a number of wells in this county, but up to this time they have not been operated as they should and not shown up as they really are to and as they will produce as good results as other wells on the Plains with the same operations it is an injustice to this section of the Plains to go on at this rate.

We believe that a big well should be put in near town and a crop planted next year, of the various varieties that are adapted to this section of the state and use it as a demonstration farm under irrigation. We have the dry farming station, under the management of the state experimental department.

We would suggest that a company of local capitalists be formed to purchase fifty or a hundred acres of land close to Lubbock, put in a well and pumpage outfit and plant a crop for next year. We believe that a scheme of this kind will work out to the betterment of everybody. While we are of the opinion that dry farming methods will have to be depended upon in the main for many years to come, still for those who are familiar with the irrigation methods, and who wish to farm by them we believe we should have something genuine to show them in this line, when they come here seeking the desired information.

Now is a good time to get this proposition to going, and we hope to see some developments along this line within the next few weeks.

## E BANK IMPROVEMENTS

Front Will Be Put in The Building, and Other Improvements are Contemplated.

The Lubbock State Bank have for some time been engaged on tearing out the front and side of their building and replacing it with a modern brick.

Their contemplations are about materialized. In fact, plans have been drawn to the effect an entirely new front east of the building will be built of pressed brick of either gray or buff color, and other improvements in the building will also be considered.

A contract for the work has been let, but it is expected that it will be in a few days and the work will be commenced soon.

The contemplated changes make quite an improvement on the present building, and management is to be congratulated on their willingness to go ahead with the work, and that this institution is one of the progressives of our city.

D. Patterson, of Taylor in Wednesday to look after property interests here and elsewhere a few days. Mr. Patterson is a very enthusiastic supporter for the plains country, related to an Avalanche representative that this was the country he had seen since his home. He was agreeably surprised at the wonderful improvements made in Lubbock he was here two years ago, and the two new banks and our fine wide walks. Mr. Patterson is building some houses in city property soon.

Ralls, the founder of the city which bears his name, in county, was here the part of last week and asked us to send him the Avalanche.

Wiley Biggs, an uncle of J. Hiteley, who has been visiting the past few days, returned to his home in Briscoe county, Thursday, on the afternoon.

## OPERA HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Old Building Has Been Overhauled And is Being Put in Shape For The Ensuing Play Season

Mr. McElroy manager of the Lyric invited us over Wednesday to see the improvements that are underway in the opera house and we found that he was having a great many changes made in the interior of the building. The stage has been deepened about five feet which will give something over 150 feet more floor space, has equipped it with new scenery throughout and has had a new advertising curtain painted, which is one of the nicest in this section of the state. The work done on the curtain was done by a man who was certainly on to his job when it comes to painting. Additional seating capacity has also been provided which will enable 450 people to be comfortably seated. The building has been re-papered and the moving picture booth has been moved to the rear of the building, taking it entirely out of the way and as the booth is tin lined the possible danger of fire is to a great extent eliminated.

Mr. McElroy informed us that they had a list of strong companies engaged for the season, a list of which you will find by referring to their ad in another place in the Avalanche.

W. O. Bowen, of Killeen, Texas, was here this week. He was prospecting and is on a deal for two sections of land, and expects to return soon and make this his home in the future. Mr. Bowen is one of the substantial farmers of that section of the state, and his coming here will add materially to the farming forces of this county.

We are requested to announce that there will be the regular services at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday. Special Music is expected led by Miss Huff.

I. J. Good, of Snyder, came in Wednesday to visit his daughters, Mrs. G. M. Arnett and Miss Annie Good.

## CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERY

Held at Cone, Texas, September 19th to 22nd. Good Attendance.

The pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Lubbock, Rev. J. L. Elliott, and two of his Ruling Elders, E. P. Earhart and R. A. Rankin attended the meeting of their Presbytery at Cone, in Crosby county.

They report an excellent meeting. Not a large delegation, but an unusual number of visitors from four or five neighboring towns, and a very live spiritual session throughout the entire series.

Elder E. P. Earhart, of Lubbock, was elected Moderator, who conducted the meeting in a very business-like manner. The entire session was noted for harmony and spirituality.

Devotional services were conducted at the opening of each morning's session and also preaching service at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m., of each day.

By request of a number of ministers and elders from the western part of the Amarillo Presbytery, the Texas Synod was memorialized to form a new presbytery, cutting off New Mexico and that part of Texas lying south of New Mexico, into a new presbytery.

Two probationers for the ministry were before the presbytery for examination and assignment of new work. Rev. Willie H. Stephens of Floydada was elected delegate to the Texas Synod at Leonard, Texas, in October. Also Elders S. E. Williams, of Floydada and G. J. Ragle, of Cone.

The Lubbock Cumberland Presbyterian Church contracted again with Rev. J. L. Elliott, for three-fourths of his time in pastoral service, and Cone, Ralls and Crosbyton for the other fourth. Also the Floydada church contracted again for the pastoral services of Rev. Willie H. Stephens. Other points remain as before.

Sunday was an excellent day. Rev. Stephens preached to a large and appreciative audience Sunday morning and evening. Deep spirituality affected the audience and a number came forward for prayer.

The afternoon was occupied by a Presbyterian Communion service.

At the close many expressed themselves as much delighted and benefitted by the meeting. These expressions came freely from both the presbyters and the people of the community.

The next meeting will be held at Quanah, in April, 1913.

## Married at Post

Word was received here Wednesday afternoon that Jim Johnston and Miss Gladys Lindsey were united in marriage at Post City on the same day, and left on the afternoon train for Gonzales, Texas, where they will spend their honeymoon.

Mr. Johnston is the son of S. I. Johnston, manager of the O'G ranch, and the bride is the daughter of J. H. Lindsey, a prominent ranchman of Garza county. Both are popular young people and a host of friends wish them the greatest of happiness on their journey through life.

They will make their home in Garza county.

## Our Water Wagon

Simpson, the man who operates the street sprinkler, is a real progressive. He would not tell us whether he belonged to the Moosers or the Wilson wing, but anyway he is giving our city splendid service on the water wagon, and he has a sprinkler that puts us in a class with much larger places. It has recently been mounted on a new wagon and the water tank nicely painted and lettered off with a number of attractive ads, which makes it show up good. It is the best and is in keeping with everything else in Lubbock.

J. O. Jones, wife and daughter, who have been visiting points east returned Wednesday and went out to their ranch in Terry county.

C. B. Jones of Graham, becomes a reader of the Avalanche this week through the courtesy of A. N. Lewis, of the Bowman Lumber Company.

## HE PULLED THE BADGER

New Jersey Drummer Engaged in Exciting Badger Fight at the Tremont Hotel Thursday

Last Thursday it was noised about town that there was going to be pulled off in the back yard of the Tremont, one of the most interesting badger fights that had ever been experienced in Lubbock, and soon a large crowd of spectators were assembled about the hotel. The badger was represented to be one of the largest and fiercest fighters of its specie, and as Scott Wolf-farth's bull dog Tom, was recognized by those who knew him to be some what of a fighter himself, the interest was keen and money was seen to be passing freely and everything was shaping up for a very exciting time.

After all preliminary arrangements had been made it was found that nearly all the spectators had put up money, and declined to pull the badger out from his place of safety and it looked like the whole thing was going to fall through, when Mr. J. L. Wilkenfield, of Hoboken, N. J., came to the relief of the situation and informed the managers that he had no money up and would be glad to accommodate the crowd by starting the fight. His generosity was gladly responded to and Wolfarth stood near by with his big bull dog ready to pounce upon the vicious animal as soon as brought to view. Wilkenfield took a firm grip on the long rope and bracing himself for the final pull. The tub, under which the said badger was supposed to be was raised up and the word to pull was given. Wilkenfield, gave a mighty jerk, the bull dog looked on with keen anticipation, the crowd raised a terrific yell, and Wilkenfield for the first time realized that he had been unmercifully dragged into one of those well known badger fights that West Texas is famous for. He realized that a splendid joke had been played upon him by his associates, and the treats were on him, to which he good naturedly put up.

When last seen, leaving town the next day on the train, he was enjoying the joke, and is looking for a victim on which to play even.

## Married

O. C. Collins, traveling salesman for Simmons' Hardware Company, of St. Louis, and Miss Hattie McGee, daughter of County Judge, Jno. R. McGee, of this city stole a march on their friends in Lubbock last week, and while on a trip over the territory west of Lubbock, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, procured marriage license at Plains, Yoakum county, and were united in marriage.

The wedding was expected not later than October, but their many friends were surprised to learn of its consummation at the time and place.

However, they received a hearty welcome by their friends here, and after spending several days in Lubbock, left for a resumption of the rounds over Mr. Collins' territory, which includes an extensive scope of country.

Amid a shower of rice, congratulations and farewells, the happy couple boarded the south-bound passenger Tuesday, their first stopping place being Snyder.

## Separated 25 Years

Mrs. Dink Allen, of Throckmorton county, arrived Tuesday afternoon on a visit to relatives in this section. She is an aunt of L. H. Simpson, of our town and a sister of Mrs. M. E. Fletcher, who resides ten miles northeast of Lubbock. She also has two sons working on the Spade and L7 ranches in Terry county. Mrs. Allen had not seen her sister, Mrs. Fletcher, for 25 years prior to their meeting here Wednesday. The connection assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson last Wednesday, and dined together which was a very much enjoyed affair.

Miss Evelyn Word returned Wednesday afternoon from Stanton, where she went to give some lessons to her class in elocution.

W. H. Ross was down from Plainview, Wednesday.

## RAILROAD RUMBLINGS FAVORABLE

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES WOULD LEAD ONE TO BELIEVE THERE IS SOMETHING DOING SOON

## REPORTS FROM QUANAH AND CROSBYTON ROADS

Extensions May be Made on Both These Important Roads Soon and

There is a Noise Like Something Doing on the Altus in the

Very Near Future—All Headed For Lubbock

The Avalanche, as has been stated before, and as our regular readers well know, is optimistic, and so much so that at times we are accused of "reckoning without our host," but we have always believed that Lubbock was simply the favored spot of the plains, and that by our geographical location and by the aid of a progressive, wide-awake people that things would come to pass in this town sooner or later in the way of railroads.

For some months, outside of the Santa Fe operations there has been little said, locally, about the maneuvers of other lines, but all this time there has been figuring and plan-drawing going on in the offices of a number of the railroad companies, who are forging their respective lines to the front, and though there has been nothing given out officially or definitely as yet, the information seems to be gradually leaking out that there is something in store for this section of this state in the way of railroad building, that will mean a great deal for Lubbock and the entire South Plains country.

In another part of this paper will be found a clipping from the

Quanah Observer, who says, obtained its information from The Wall Street News, to the effect that bonds are being sold to extend the Quanah, Acme & Pacific from Paducah to Lubbock, and taking the general direction of the route the extension is taking from Paducah to Roaring Springs, it lines up for Lubbock from a geographical standpoint.

Another important move that is being considered is mentioned in the Engineering News, of New York, which reads "Crosbyton & South Plains R. R. is considering the plans for the extension of its line to Spur, Dickens county, and to Seymour, it now being in operation from Lubbock to Crosbyton, with J. M. Bassett as General Manager."

Parties along the line of the Altus, Lubbock and Roswell, are receiving communications from the promoters of that road, and their letters are very favorable for an early resume of business connected with this road. We believe within a short time there will be given out official information regarding all of these roads, for we believe they all want to come to Lubbock.

## THE LUBBOCK HIGH SCHOOL

One Month Has Been Completed And It Is In Good Shape—Splendid Attendance

Last week's work rounded out the first month's work of the Lubbock schools and according to Prof. Wester's report it has been one of the most successful that has ever been experienced in the history of Lubbock schools. There is an enrollment of 670 pupils, in round numbers, and the average attendance has been 650.

Prof. Wester states that all departments are doing good work. The teachers and pupils are working harmoniously and getting the very best out of the school possible.

The first month the pupils had some difficulty in getting books on account of the wholesale dealers not shipping them out when ordered. This has been overcome however, and all will be supplied promptly from now on. There will be a number more enrolled in school yet, and there will be at least 100 more this session than last. As stated in last week's issue many have come to Lubbock to get the benefit of the excellent school here. A number from the other states having come here for the school.

If there is any one thing that Lubbock should feel proud of more than another, it is her fine schools and they are improved every year. The people of Lubbock work harmoniously together for the advancement of education in the town and when a concern attempts to override the wishes of the people in regard to the schools of the town, they are going to be met with a severe rebuke.

The Avalanche is pleased with the start the 1912-13 sessions have made and predict that there will be much visible results of these sessions when they have come to a close.

Come to Lubbock. A. L. Jones was here from Fort Worth Tuesday and purchased some mules and horses from local dealers.

## RAILS TO HAVE DEPOT

The Railroad Commission Says Ralls Must Have a Depot and It Has Been so Ordered.

The Railroad Commission decided last week that the town of Ralls was justly entitled to a depot, which will be erected in the near future at the foot of Main street.

It has been very inconvenient for our citizens the way they have been situated in getting their freight and express here, and all on account of prejudice of the rail road company.

Ralls not having a depot has been a drawback to her in various ways.

The Railroad Commission report which was printed by the Dallas News, stated:

Ralls, on the Crosbyton & South Plains railroad, is to have a depot, and the case was continued pending its constructing. We make out of this, that if the Crosbyton & South Plains Railroad Company fail to erect a depot here they will be fined.

One of the Railroad Commissioners was here some time back and looked over the situation.

John R. Ralls had employed a lawyer to look into the matter, but at the time the Commission decided the case, his lawyer was in New York. This very plainly shows that we are entitled to a depot.—Ralls Banner.

Miss Lillie Spikes, accompanied by her mother returned from Amarillo Wednesday where Miss Lillie has been in the Sanitarium, and underwent an operation for appendicitis. The many friends of the family will be pleased to know that she is able to return home.

Mrs. Jno. F. Robinson, accompanied by her little niece, who has been here several months, visiting, left Thursday for Fort Worth. Mrs. Robinson will remain there several weeks.

H. C. Taylor, representing a well known rug and carpet concern, was here from Fort Worth this week.

Miss Huff went to Hale Center Tuesday to look after the interests of her class at that place.